

## Attachment B.2

### Federal Participation Rate Requirements

There are two calculations to be made concerning ADC families with regard to program participation: one is for all families, which defines participation for all households including two-parent households, the other for two-parent households only. Keeping with the previous system requirements under the JOBS program to make participation more stringent for two-parent households, Congress established the participation requirements at a very high rate.

The old JOBS program allowed states to average hours of participation across the entire population. Under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA), only the actual hours of participation for each participant are allowed to be counted. The former JOBS participation report allowed states to count an individual as a participant if that person completed 75% of their scheduled hours. Under PRWORA an individual can be counted as a participant and included in the numerator of the participation rate formula only if they complete 100% of the federal minimum number of hours averaged over the month.

Minimum Participation Rate for all Families	
Federal fiscal year ending September 30:	Minimum participation rate is:
1997	25%
1998	30%
1999	35%
2000	40%
2001	45%
2002	50%

Minimum Participation Rate for Two-Parent Families	
Federal fiscal year ending September 30:	Minimum participation rate is:
1997	75%
1998	75%
1999	90%
2000	90%
2001	90%
2002	90%

Minimum Hours of Participation for all Families	
For federal fiscal year ending September 30:	Minimum average number of hours per week is:
1997	20
1998	20
1999	25
2000	30
2001	30
2002	30

Minimum Hours of Participation for Two-Parent Families		
For federal fiscal year ending September 30:	Minimum average number of hours per week per participant is:	
	1 <sup>st</sup> Parent	2 <sup>nd</sup> Parent
1997	35	20
1998	35	20
1999	35	20
2000	35	20
2001	35	20
2002	35	20

### Calculation of the Monthly Participation Rate Formula

**NUMERATOR:** The number of families receiving assistance that include an adult or minor head of household who is engaged in work for the requisite hours.

.....(*divided by*).....

**DENOMINATOR:** The number of families that include an adult or a minor child head of household receiving ADC cash assistance.

(*less*)

The number of families sanctioned in that month for failure to cooperate or participate in work activities (for up to 3 months in the preceding 12 month period).